

BROOKLYN'S WIN THE GREAT WAR!

CROKER DODGING WORLD'S FIGHT ON THE ICE TRUST.

Postpones His Home-Coming Indefinitely, and Tammany Shake-Up Is Put Off Till Next Fall.

Richard Croker, who was to leave his English country seat and sail for New York on Saturday next, has postponed his home-coming indefinitely. News to that effect reached the city to-day and caused surprise in political circles. The only interpretation that can be placed upon Mr. Croker's move is that he is anxious to evade the World's fight against the Ice Trust—a matter which he could not disregard in the present temper of public opinion. Any disciplining of the leaders as a concession to popular sentiment would prove bad politics just at this interesting period.

Another possibility is that Mr. Croker might be caught in some of the legal proceedings against the Trust. So he prefers to stay abroad until the summer season is well on and the courts have adjourned. That is the way that men schooled in local politics regard it.

The rumor that an envoy to "square" matters with Croker would meet him in Europe is given color by the departure yesterday of President Gelehenen, the Garfield National Bank, who sailed on the Oceanic. Twelve hours later comes the news of Mr. Croker's postponement of his voyage home.

Surprise over the Tammany change of plan is intensified by the statement made by George W. Lederer, who arrived on the Teutonic to-day fresh from a striking interview with Mr. Croker in London, at which the big leader said, referring to the Ice Trust scandal:

"Well, there'll be a hot time in the old town when I get back!"

LAUGHED OVER CARTOON.

"Shortly before I sailed," said Mr. Lederer, "Mr. Croker visited the Shaftesbury Theatre, and I had quite a talk with him. While we were conversing somebody showed Mr. Croker an Evening World cartoon concerning the Ice Trust, with the caption, 'How Would You Like to Be the Ice Man?' over it. 'He looked at the cartoon and chuckled to himself for some time. Then he made the remark about the hot time on his return home.'

"That was all he said about the Ice Trust, but he said he was coming home for the elections, and expected a warm time during that period. His accident was much more serious than was represented on this side. Mr. Croker said he was gradually getting stronger, however, and expected to be in first-class trim by election time."

"Speaking of the need for his presence here Mr. Croker said he would do some of his best work when he came over."

KELLER AMAZED.

John W. Keller, President of the Democratic Club, was almost incredulous when he heard of the postponement of Mr. Croker's home coming. "I am greatly surprised if Mr. Croker has thus changed his plans," said he. "I have received no such word from him, neither has anybody else in Tammany Hall that I know of."

"We had arranged a reception at the Democratic Club for Mr. Croker on his return, but on second thought we concluded that he might not approve of it and it was called off. But all of his friends were to be at Tammany Hall to give him a hearty welcome."

"If it is true that he is not coming as expected the disappointment will be widespread and some word from him may be expected to-day."

Deputy Leader John F. Carroll was not at Tammany Hall this morning, contrary to his custom. In charge of affairs was Lawrence Delmour. When Mr. Delmour was asked if he knew anything about Mr. Croker's intention to postpone his homecoming Mr. Delmour said it was all news to him.

"I expect a cable despatch this after-

COMPOSER FOILED A WOMAN SLEUTH.

Frederick V. Bower Wouldn't Fall Into a Cunningly Set Divorce Trap.

Frederick V. Bowers, the musical composer, who is suing his wife for divorce and George Pullman for alienation of her affections, has just balked what he considers a carefully laid plot to compromise him.

At the same time he baffled a woman who he declares is one of the cleverest detectives in the country.

George Pullman and Blanche Louise Bowers, who the son of the millionaire avers, despite all contentions, is his legal wife, are living at the Gerard, in West Forty-fourth street.

Mr. Bowers has a studio on Broadway. He is a good looking, smooth-faced young fellow and a favorite among women. He has a good singing voice and is a sympathetic player on the piano. All these things the female detective knew before she started work.

Two weeks ago he was visited by a handsomely dressed woman. Her manner showed excellent breeding.

She said she was in New York for a brief visit, and having heard several of Mr. Bowers's songs, desired to meet the composer and hear some of his work.

"One song I particularly love," said she, looking at him admiringly. "It's 'Wait.' Do play it for me. I can realize the feeling that inspired it when I hear the composer sing it."

Mr. Bowers sang it, and confessed he put unusual feeling into it. The woman listened with moist eyes and flushed cheeks. She seemed carried away, and leaned so closely over his chair that a whisp of her hair grazed his cheek.

"Divine!" she murmured. "Play it over again!"

APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE.

The composer did so. Never in all his life had he such an appreciative audience, and when the woman finally departed it was with the assurance that she would call again. She had met a

noon," said he, "and will be able to state positively to-night whether Mr. Croker will return on June 23 as previously announced."

COMING WAS FEARED.

Mr. Croker has been minutely informed of the developments in the Ice scandal. He had made every preparation to sail and was due here on June 23.

There was fear and trembling in high places in Tammany Hall at the chief's approaching home-coming. Certain men who now occupy conspicuous positions, it was said, were to be severely disciplined. The chief's role was to fail and the punishment was not to be light.

In some Tammany circles the belief prevailed that the changes that would come with Mr. Croker's return would amount to a reorganization. Even though the chief's wrath had not been aroused, the conditions would make it absolutely necessary to resort to severe measures. They must be taken to satisfy a clamor that has arisen in the organization. Future success of Tammany, many of its members hold, depends on a general housecleaning.

The considerations that caused him to change his mind and forego for the time being the disciplining of the Ice scandal leaders must have been most pressing.

CINCINNATI. BROOKLYN.

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GAME CALLED ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN.

At Boston—Pittsburg 3; Boston, 7.
At Philadelphia—End of sixth inning: St. Louis, 4; Phila., 6.

LATE WINNERS AT GRAVESEND.

SIXTH RACE—King Pepper 1, Criterion 2, Outlander 3.

LATE RESULTS AT ST. LOUIS.

THIRD RACE—Maldstone 1, Loka 2, Crossmolina 3.

FOURTH RACE—Gibbalt 1, Triaditta 2, Verity 3.

FIGHT ON FOR FIVE-CENT FARE TO CONEY ISLAND.

Arguments in proceedings brought by former State Senator H. McNulty to compel the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to charge only one fare to Coney Island, were heard this afternoon before Justice Dickey, in the Brooklyn Supreme Court. Counsel for McNulty contended that the company could not charge two fares within the limits under the railroad statute. The company's lawyers held that a fare could be charged over each franchise. Justice Dickey reserved decision.

PLATT MAY FORCE ROOSEVELT TO RUN

A determined effort will be made to induce Gov. Roosevelt to stand for the Vice-Presidency when he meets Senator Platt and State Chairman Odell in a conference this afternoon. It is said every argument will be brought to bear and that even threats may be used.

When the Governor arrived at the Grand Central station from Rochester this morning, he was met by Private Secretary Youngs and at once started for his home at Oyster Bay, with the intention of returning at once for a talk with the chiefs.

Republicans forecast that the Governor may, after all, reconsider his determination and, putting aside all personal elements, accept the second place on the ticket simply for urgent party reasons. An argument likely to be advanced is that Mr. Roosevelt is not bigger than his party, as Mark Hanna declares. McKinley is, and that having been treated so well in his gubernatorial administration, now that the party needs him, he should cheerfully respond.

All other devices failing, it is even intimated that Senator Platt and Mr. Odell may sternly demand that he come down from his "high horse," giving a sinister intimation of things likely to happen to his political hopes in time to come.

Local Republican leaders say that while McKinley is strong enough to carry the ticket by himself, they foresee that, with the help of San Juan IP, as a running mate, the ticket would create universal enthusiasm and appeal to a large class of patriotic and sentimental voters, rolling up a majority that would be a splendid vindication of the Administration and its acts.

The place at which the conference is to be held was not made known this morning, but it will be either at the Fifth Avenue Hotel or the office of Senator Platt, with chances in favor of the latter.

MRS. GLADSTONE PASSES AWAY.

LONDON, June 11.—Mrs. Gladstone, widow of William E. Gladstone, the English statesman, died at 5.40 P. M. to-day.

She had been ill for some weeks and had relapsed into unconsciousness.

During the life of England's "Grand Old Man" Mrs. Gladstone had been admired as well as wife, and much of Mr.

SMASH GATES OF PEKIN, IF RESISTED, THE ORDER.

WOODRUFF IN THE RACE

Officially Springs His Boom for Vice-President at Philadelphia.

CLAIMS 200 DELEGATES.

Says Platt's Son Is for Him and He's Popular in This State.

(Special to The Evening World.) PHILADELPHIA, June 11.—Timothy L. Woodruff's boom for Vice-President on the Republican ticket was officially sprung to-day by Col. Dady, of Brooklyn.

He announces that Woodruff is a candidate for second place on the National ticket, that he is a stronger man than Cornelius Bliss; that ten of the Brooklyn delegation are for him and that Senator Platt's son supports him.

The younger element in New York State will flock to him, it is declared, as shown by his running ahead of Roosevelt in the gubernatorial campaign. More than half the delegates in New York are pledged to him. Outside of the State he has 30 delegates pledged.

"Mr. Woodruff will be in Philadelphia to-morrow evening accompanied by Charles A. Moore, William Berri, Walter B. Atterbury, Chairman of the County Committee, and Commissioner Waldo," said Col. Dady.

Senator Platt's son has pledged himself to vote for Mr. Woodruff at the Convention, and use all his efforts to bring about Mr. Woodruff's nomination. Senator Platt's position will not be known until the caucus of the New York delegates which will be held in this city next Monday evening."

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS.

State Convention to Name Delegates Meets at Louisville—A Beckham Fight On.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 11.—The Kentucky Democratic State Convention meets to-day afternoon at Music Hall.

Delegates-at-large to the Democratic National Convention will be selected. No action will be taken regarding the selection of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. A State convention having been called to meet at Lexington next month for that purpose.

There will be a sharp contest for the temporary and permanent organization of the convention between the friends of Gov. Beckham and the anti-Beckham forces.

Men's Blue Serge Suits \$4.25, During the Great Half-Off Sale.

The exclusive clothing company (upper corner 12th street and 3d avenue) are selling the well-known guarantee quality serge suits at \$4.25. No doubt this statement will attract the attention of thousands who know that when "The Guarantee" advertises it's true, and they can depend upon their statements. Such suits as they are selling at \$4.25 were never offered in any store at less than \$10.00, and we can surely predict a big rush for these suits, that are so reasonable and sensible in this hot weather, for nothing has been invented that can give the comfort for summer wear that is obtained from a blue serge suit.

LONDON, June 14.—It has been learned in official quarters that although it is expected the Government at Pekin will show no further resistance as soon as it perceives the powers are determined, the commander of the international forces has been instructed to inflict a sharp lesson in the event of any resistance, and not to brook any delay in reopening the gates of Pekin if he finds them closed.

RELIEF FORCE IN PERIL IN FRONT AND REAR.

TIEN-TSIN, June 14.—Railroad communication between this place and Admiral Seymour's international force has been cut three miles beyond Yang-Tsun. Two bridges have been destroyed. It is rumored here that the "Boxers" are determined to burn Tien-Tsin station to-night.

The international relief force of 2,500 men is blocked on the road to Pekin. It cannot arrive at the Chinese capital before Sunday.

The column is at Lang-Fu, only half way to Pekin, where it should have arrived yesterday. Its supplies are practically cut off and the railroad ahead is absolutely wrecked.

In the meantime Russia has taken advantage of the situation to land troops from Port Arthur and artillery, and a courier who got through from Pekin says that the condition of the foreign legations is most critical.

Thirty thousand Chinese troops are drawn up outside the gates of the city to oppose the relief force, and guns are trained on the American, British and Japanese Legations.

The American, Russian and Japanese Ministers have sent couriers to Tien-Tsin asking for 2,000 troops of each nationality.

Another courier from the American Minister, Mr. Conger, got through bearing a letter from the Legation which said that Gen. Tung-fuh-Siang intended to oppose the entrance of the foreign troops into Pekin.

Ten thousand troops are guarding the south gate. The courier says that more than 2,000 Boxers are in the immediate neighborhood of Lang-Fang.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—A despatch which confirms the report that Russia is sending a big force of troops from Port Arthur. The cablegram is as follows:

"Twenty-five hundred men are on the road to Pekin for the relief of the Legations. One hundred are Americans; English and Russians in large majority; all nations here represented. The Vice-roy at Tien-Tsin gave permission to go there; railroad being repaired as force advances. Russians now sending soldiers from Port Arthur, with artillery. There is no doubt that the Government has been asked for more marines."

FRANTIC APPEALS TO M'KINLEY TO ACT.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—John Ford, Secretary of the American Asiatic Association, to-day received the following cablegram from the Shanghai branch of the association:

"Grave danger threatens Americans in Yangtze Valley. Urgently advise immediate gunboat protection."

"AMERICAN ASSOCIATION."

On the 7th instant the following cablegram was received by the association from its Shanghai branch:

"American lives and interests in North China are seriously imperilled. Urge Government to act promptly and vigorously, with adequate force."

The association, using these two cablegrams as a basis, is circulating a petition for signatures, addressed to the President, asking that this Government take energetic steps to protect American lives and interests in China; also that the United States act in concert with the other powers in this emergency.

MORE MISSIONS RUINED; BRITAIN HURRIES TROOPS.

SHANGHAI, June 14.—A despatch from Chung-King announces that a riot has taken place at Yun-Na-Fu.

The buildings of the China Inland Mission were partially destroyed and those of the Roman Catholic and Bible Christian Missions were utterly demolished. All the missionaries are safe.

A Russian troop-ship passed up the Yangtze on Wednesday. It was reported that her troops were to be landed at Hankow, but the Russian officials here explain that the transport has merely gone to Hankow to load for Odessa and the troops on board are time-expired men on their way home.

HONG KONG, British China, June 14.—Four companies of the Hong Kong regiment, a mountain battery and a field battery of Asiatic artillery, with a battery of two 5-inch guns, start for Tien-Tsin to-night. The Fusiliers sail on the Terrible June 15.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending 4 P. M. Friday for New York City and vicinity: Thunderstorms this evening; showers and cooler to-night; fair Sat. 12 to 15. S. E. wind.

Friday: southerly shifting to S. W. and northwest winds.

Sunday Evening Forecast for New York City and vicinity: Partly cloudy, with showers; fair, 65 to 75. S. E. wind.